

BUTTERCUPS PRE-SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1169880

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-10-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address The Village Meeting Place
The Green
North Runcton
Kings Lynn
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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY WORKS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT HAVING AS ITS OBJECTS THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BY:(1) PROMOTING THEIR CARE AND SAFETY;(2) PROMOTING THEIR EDUCATION AND PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT;(3) PROMOTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING;(4) PROVIDING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS;(5) PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIO; AND(6) FURTHERING THE AIMS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE.

Activities: Buttercups provides pre-schooling for children from the age of 2 to school age. It operates term time only for 29 hours per week from the Village Meeting Place in North Runcton.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£124,051	£104,800	-	-
2024-08-31	£94,004	£79,142	-	-
2023-08-31	£74,263	£72,746	-	-
2022-08-31	£69,027	£66,451	-	-
2021-08-31	£65,648	£57,334	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Gadsby	Chair	2024-07-10
Jerole Jacob		2024-07-10
Nicola Gipp		2026-04-30
Rachael Victoria Gadsby		2026-01-01
Robert Mileham		2026-01-01

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Accounts

Buttercups Pre-school

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 August 2025

Income	£
NCC - funding	64,463
SEN funding	1,106
Fees and snacks	11,873
Donations and fundraising proceeds	291
Other income	46,317
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	124,051
Expenditure	
Wages	76,255
Rent and rates	12,578
Activity and material costs	2,775
Other costs	3,272
Staff training	180
Uniforms	308
Bookkeeping services	936
Insurance	390
Advertising and marketing	312
IT costs	1,499
Capital Expenditure	6,056
Donations and fund raising proceeds applied	240
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	104,800
Profit for this year	<hr/> <hr/> 19,251

Cash movements:	Balance brought forward	Deficit/profit for the year	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£
Current account	38,202	18,037	56,239
Fundraising account	2,465	51	2,516
Reserve account	17,184	1,163	18,347
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	57,851	19,251	77,102

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Signed:Neil Harries

J N H Harries, ACA

Address: 23 Common Lane, North Runcton, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE33 ORD

Date: 09 February 2026

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Chairperson report for AGM – 10th July 2024 8pm

I am very pleased to report that it has been another successful year at Buttercups.

The staff have continued to build the offering and have continued to provide high quality care for all of the children who have attended. The staff are the engine at this wonderful setting and they are always committed and enthusiastic no matter how challenging the role may be some days. As parents we all rely on these ladies and they don't let us down. I would like to thank them all for their hard work.

Buttercups continues to retain the quality of small rural setting which is at the heart of every decision made by staff and by the committee.

Yet again, we are filling up fast for the next year and there are only a few spaces left for September.

Attendance has increased again this year and there was another big increase to minimum wage which we reflected for all our staff. This always has an impact on our running costs. It is likely there will be another minimum wage increase next year which will have an impact on the setting's costs again. However, as the setting is thriving, we are looking to how we can start paying staff more and have completed some projections already with decisions to be made next year.

However, one of the most important values I have tried to promote is that our staff are worth investing in.

There has also been a change to funding with higher rates and an extended offering for 2 year olds for working families. This has also allowed the setting to keep up with increases in running costs. I am pleased to see that the government have realised that early education is an important investment. This also allowed us to keep a fee increase to a minimum.

Having mentioned early years funding I would like to draw all parent's attention to [30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/30-hours-free-childcare). It is so important that all families consider what funding they will be entitled to and make the most of it. Children flourish when they are given opportunity to socialise and develop at preschool and this sets them up for school and gives them a huge head start.

As a setting we are certainly in a good position and we have gone from strength to strength each year but the challenges that the cost of living increase has continued to set us will continue to be difficult to navigate.

This makes the committee one of the most important factors to ensure that this charity run preschool continues to thrive. The more members we have who actively contribute the easier it will be, so please join if you can. It is a wonderful way to gain some skills for your CV and help you get back into the workplace after a career break or to add to your skill set.

We have had lots of input this year from parents attending the committee meetings and we will have a new treasurer and chairperson next year as myself and Sarah Watts are stepping down.

I would like to thank Sarah for all her support as the treasurer role is very busy with lots of regular tasks that run to deadlines. I would also like to thank each of the parents who have attended meetings but especially Tonicha and Louis and Jess who have always given valuable opinions and always step up for fundraising and decision making and Jess has recently filled in as secretary. We all have young families and its very hard to commit to these roles. It really is appreciated.

Before Sarah Jacob took on her role as a staff member her valuable contribution as secretary was much appreciated. Her husband Jerole will now take on the treasurer role and he certainly has the skills for it and has already been committed to the handover from Sarah.

Rachael Gadsby has also provided valuable contributions to our recent meetings and her husband John Gadsby has also agreed to be chairperson and there is much work ahead over the summer to introduce him to the role. I will of course support whenever necessary as he settles into this.

We desperately need a new secretary and this role is centred mainly around being the organiser of the committee meetings so is less onerous. I hope that someone will step forward for this vital role.

Recently the possibility of the setting being taken over and run privately has been discussed and input from parents on this subject would be appreciated. At the moment this is just a discussion as there has been some interest now that the business is sustainable and is producing surplus income. The VMP are open to it being hired by a private company so this is positive too. Keeping options open is important.

Thoughts on this at the meeting and afterwards by email if you would prefer are welcome.

Lastly it is so important to thank all the wonderful children who have attended this year. Well done to each and every one of them and once again thank you to the staff and committee for all their tireless work.

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 August 2024

Income	£
NCC - funding	67,591
SEN funding	6,646
Fees and snacks	18,768
Donations and fundraising proceeds	528
Other income	470
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	94,004
Expenditure	
Wages	65,549
Rent and rates	6,247
Activity and material costs	4,458
Other costs	1,234
Staff training	-
Uniforms	170
Bookkeeping services	936
Insurance	-
Advertising and marketing	307
IT costs	240
Donations and fund raising proceeds applied	-
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	79,142
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Profit for this year	14,862

Cash movements:	Balance brought forward	Deficit/profit for the year	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£
Current account	24,998	13,204	38,202
Fundraising account	1,937	528	2,465
Reserve account	16,054	1,130	17,184
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	42,989	14,862	57,851

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Date: ...22 June 2025

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Accounts

Trustees report for AGM – 17th July 2023 8pm

We are very pleased to report that it has been another successful year at Buttercups.

All the staff are dedicated and continually go above and beyond and they were thanked for their commitment to early years education. They all regularly completed unpaid tasks and their passion shines through every day.

Buttercups continues to retain the quality of small rural setting which is at the heart of every decision made by staff and by the committee.

Again, we are filling up fast for the next year and there are only a few spaces left for September.

Whilst attendance has been at an all time high at the setting there was an increase to minimum wage this year which we reflected for all our staff. This had a huge impact on running costs. However, one of the most important values I like to try and promote is that our staff are worth investing in and I wish that the funding provided by the government for preschool children would consider this more carefully so that we could pay what the staff are truly worth.

Next year it is likely there will be another minimum wage increase which will have a big impact on the setting's costs again. There is also a reported change in the offering from government regarding funding next year and it is hard to predict how this will affect us as it rolls out funding for 30 hours to all 2 year olds. Unfortunately, the funding rate falls considerably short of the cost to provide care and it may be the case that with the minimum wage increase as well there may be consumption of funds next year. Sarah's initial projections do not indicate that the minimum wage increase alone will cause us to consume large amounts of cash next year. With all of this in mind it is the case that a fee increase will be necessary next academic year. As a committee we will always try to keep increases to a minimum as another core value is that we are about quality provision and not profit.

Having mentioned early years funding I would like to draw all parent's attention to 30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). It is so important that all families consider what funding they will

be entitled to and make the most of it. Children flourish when they are given opportunity to socialise and develop at preschool and this sets them up for school and gives them a huge head start.

As a setting we are certainly in a good position and we have gone from strength to strength each year but the challenges that the cost of living increase has set us as well as the funding rates have been and will continue to be difficult to navigate. Buttercups has grown so much but we are reaching a point where we are limited by the size of the VMP and the cost restraints so we will need to think carefully about how we overcome the challenges of the next year.

This makes the committee one of the most important factors to ensure that this charity run preschool continues to thrive. The more members we have who actively contribute the easier it will be, so please join if you can. It is a wonderful way to gain some skills for your CV and help you get back into the workplace after a career break or to add to your skill set.

We have had a settled year in terms of members with Sally as secretary, Sarah as treasurer, myself as chair and with regular participation from Tonicha, Louis, and Jess. Thank you for all of your input into the decision making and for keeping the setting going so strong.

Sally will be moving on this year and a new committee member has agreed to be secretary going forward. Please do seriously consider joining as your help really is needed.

Lastly it is so important to thank all the wonderful children who have attended this year and it is vital that we acknowledge the fact that many of these children may have been covid babies and they had massive setbacks in terms of their ability to socialise and develop in the way they should have been able to. Well done to each and every one of them and once again thank you to the staff and committee for all their tireless work

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 August 2023

Income	£
NCC - funding	50,244
SEN funding	3,638
Fees and snacks	19,164
Donations and fundraising proceeds	574
Other income	643
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	74,263
Expenditure	
Wages	57,187
Rent and rates	7,667
Activity and material costs	2,547
Other costs	1,227
Staff training	-
Uniforms	667
Bookkeeping services	936
Insurance	745
Advertising and marketing	288
IT costs	276
Donations and fund raising proceeds applied	1,206
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	72,746
Surplus for this year	<hr/> <hr/> 1,517

Cash movements :	Balance brought forward	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£
Current account	23,871	1,126	24,997
Fundraising account	2,570	(632)	1,937
Reserve account	15,031	1,023	16,054
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	41,472	1,517	42,988

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Date: ...29 February 2024

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Accounts

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(registered Charity No: 1169880)

Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 August 2022

Income	£
NCC - funding	52,610
SEN funding	-
Fees and snacks	13,824
Donations and fundraising proceeds	2,125
Other income	468
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	69,027
Expenditure	
Wages	51,972
Rent and rates	8,156
Activity and material costs	721
Other costs	727
Staff training	171
Uniforms	112
Bookkeeping services	936
Insurance	-
Advertising and marketing	330
IT costs	224
Donations and fund raising proceeds applied	3,102
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	66,451
Surplus for this year	<hr/> <hr/> 2,576

Cash movements:	Balance brought forward	Surplus / (deficit) for the year	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£
Current account	21,265	2,605	23,870
Fundraising account	3,546	(976)	2,570
Reserve account	14,083	948	15,031
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	38,895	2,576	41,471

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Chairpersons report AGM - Buttercups Preschool 2021

It has been another challenging but interesting year with changes and obstacles at every corner. It has also been one of the most successful years Buttercups has ever known with great attendance rates that we can be proud of.

As you have heard from our leader Sue, the staff have really made the best of the year and have achieved so much with the children to encourage their individual development.

We have also managed to hold some fundraising events against the odds, in particular the refreshments provided alongside sports day which was such a lovely event and well supported by parents too. The children had a ball which was the main aim. We are planning on a parent and child event one early evening in September for children and their parents to meet the staff and the committee. Please do look out for this.

The success we have enjoyed this year has been down to the hard work of the staff who have all put in extra time every day unpaid to make the children's and parent's experience the best possible. I wanted to take the opportunity to thank them formally for all their hard work and to properly recognise the sacrifices they have made each day throughout covid and particularly through the lockdown when they continued to provide care for children of essential workers and those in need. It was daunting for them and there were a great many hoops to jump through making an already difficult and draining job even harder. They all had circumstances in their private lives that required them to think very carefully about being able to continue to work in the setting through that period and they genuinely had to choose in some cases between your children and their own family.

Thank you to each of them for choosing Buttercups. You all deserve a medal!

With regards to staff there have been some changes as our wonderful apprentice Charlotte has moved on to pastures new and we have welcomed Christine, Mum to Jesse and well known and loved childminder to the children of West Winch! We were very sad to lose Charlotte who was a natural with children but Christine has stepped in and is doing a wonderful job bringing a calm and professional approach with her. In addition we have recently learned that Zoe will also be moving on to a new role as a nursery manager. As deputy Zoe has done a great job bringing fun and enthusiasm into the forefront and she has worked hard throughout the year to engage with the parents and wider public too which has really helped us to gain interest in our wonderful preschool.

We wish Charlotte and Zoe all the best and welcome Christine.

The latest staff changes have also meant that we have offered a new apprentice a role from September. Alicia has been working in residential care and is well qualified and experienced in that respect. With a drive to expand her knowledge and experience Alicia wanted to gain a role in early education and we are looking forward to welcoming her in the new term.

We will need to consider a deputy role in the new term and we plan to employ a part time member of staff too if possible.

All of the above does have to be balanced carefully with affordability.

As you will see from our finance report whilst we have made profit this year it will be consumed with high staff costs in the autumn term compared to the hours sold as younger children often attend for shorter hours and less days when they start. We always encourage parents to consider taking up as many hours as possible for their child as children who come more regularly and for longer settle more quickly and their personal development benefits greatly.

Please do check on your eligibility for 15 or 30 hours childcare by checking GOV.UK. Whilst funding rates are low the more children we have attending for longer the more likely we are to be sustainable for the long term.

The preschool itself would also not be able to run if it were not for our wonderful committee who give their precious and limited time. We are in need of new members and Linda who used to be our chairperson has been completing most of the treasurer's role unofficially after our previous one left quite suddenly. Linda will be leaving us from end of term to enjoy her retirement to the full. It is completely understood that parents are all very busy, I myself have 3 children of school age and a demanding full time job, but I have thoroughly enjoyed my role despite the difficulty I have faced to make time for the preschool. A few of us on the committee no longer have any children at the setting and we would like to move on with our little ones to a new role in their schools or clubs. It may seem daunting but if there are more of us the tasks can be spread out and there will be less for the individuals to do. It is a great way of learning new skills, and meeting new people including other parents. It will certainly give you something interesting to put on your CV! Please if you can make time for a few hours per month do consider joining our committee. We are specifically looking for a new chairperson and new treasurer as soon as possible so if you have relevant skills or you would like to learn some new one's I urge you to step up and give something to the community.

Lastly, I think it is important to congratulate the children who have shown unprecedented resilience in a tough and rapidly changing world over the last year. They have been told not to hug, not too touch and had many freedoms removed or have never even had the chance to experience certain freedoms in some cases! Well done to all of your children who have continued to bring joy and laughter into a somewhat gloomy world!

Thank you very much for attending tonight and for supporting us. Have a wonderful break for the holidays and we will see you in September.

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Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 August 2021

Income

NCC - funding
SEN funding
Fees and snacks
Donations and fundraising proceeds
Other income

Expenditure

Wages
Rent and rates
Activity and material costs
Other costs
Staff training
Uniforms
Bookkeeping services
Insurance
Advertising and marketing
IT costs
Donations and fund raising proceeds applied

Deficit for the year

Cash movements:

	Balance brought forward £
Current account	14,698
Fundraising account	2,753
Reserve account	13,130
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£
 48,570
 0
 15,468
 157
 1,454

 65,648

43,768
 7,454
 2,114
 1,234
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 232
 936
 909
 264
 423
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 57,334

8,314

Deficit for the year	Balance carried forward
£	£
6,567	21,265
793	3,546
954	14,083
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